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Ladies and gentlemen,

I followed the Microsoft anti-trust case in newspaper accounts as it wound its way through the legal system. I thought that Judge Penfield did a good job of arbitrating the interests of justice in this case - to me it was clear that Microsoft is a predatory monopoly, always pushing to find the absolute maximum line of profit, regardless of ethics or the interest of the public. They have sought to achieve dominance in every aspect of the high-tech world, and their sheer size guarantees that other more innovative players get coerced or shoved aside.

I believe that the only just resolution to this case would have been to break Microsoft into two companies - an operating system company, and an applications company.

I am also particularly outraged that one of the "remedys" proposed is to have Microsoft donate a large chunk of product to the school system. That comes from the school of "Well, if you gotta pay, you might as well pay in a way that hurts your competitors more."

I urge the Department of Justice to take a hard line on Microsoft.

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